

US009995392B2

(12) United States Patent

Moser et al.

(10) Patent No.: US 9,995,392 B2

(45) **Date of Patent:** Jun. 12, 2018

(54) METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING UNITARY HOLLOW PISTONS

(71) Applicant: Elkhart Products Corporation,

Geneva, IN (US)

(72) Inventors: Shawn Gene Moser, Craigville, IN

(US); Gary Wayne Brunner, Berne, IN (US); David Dee Thomson, Fremont,

IN (US)

(73) Assignee: Elkhart Products Corporation,

Geneva, IN (US)

(*) Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this

patent is extended or adjusted under 35

U.S.C. 154(b) by 0 days. days.

(21) Appl. No.: 15/784,542

(22) Filed: Oct. 16, 2017

(65) Prior Publication Data

US 2018/0038482 A1 Feb. 8, 2018

Related U.S. Application Data

- (62) Division of application No. 14/667,920, filed on Mar. 25, 2015, now Pat. No. 9,816,612.
- (51) Int. Cl. F16J 1/00 (2006.01) G06Q 50/04 (2012.01) F04B 27/08 (2006.01) B23P 15/10 (2006.01) F04B 39/00 (2006.01)
- (52) U.S. Cl.

CPC F16J 1/001 (2013.01); B23P 15/10 (2013.01); F04B 27/0878 (2013.01); F04B 39/0005 (2013.01); G06Q 50/04 (2013.01); Y10T 29/49249 (2015.01)

(58) Field of Classification Search

CPC .. B23P 15/10; F04B 39/0005; F04B 27/0878;

F16J 1/001; F16J 1/00; G06Q 50/04; Y10T 29/49249; B21C 37/151; B21C 37/16; F16C 2220/80; F16C 29/02; F15B 15/1466

See application file for complete search history.

(56) References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

2,837,880	A	6/1958	Rosenblatt
3,475,786	A	11/1969	Pearson
5,630,353	A	5/1997	Mittlefehldt et al.
5,851,320	A	12/1998	Auran et al.
6,530,149	B2	3/2003	Sugiura et al.
6,725,910		4/2004	Ishida
6,941,852	B1	9/2005	Le et al.
7,275,409		10/2007	Wu
2012/0260882	A1	10/2012	Martins et al.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

CN	105480376 A	4/2016
CN	205349422 U	6/2016

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

International Search Report dated Jun. 25, 2015 for PCT/US15/22392

"Balloon-O-Therapy Twisting Balloons with FewDolt" with published date of Mar. 10, 2013 (wayback machine date of Jul. 19, 2013). https://web.archive.org/web/20130719201940/http:balloonotherapy.blogspot.com/2013/03/letter-balloon-twisting-abc. html.

Primary Examiner — Sarang Afzali (74) Attorney, Agent, or Firm — Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP

(57) ABSTRACT

Disclosed are hollow pistons made from a single piece of starting material and methods of manufacturing unitary hollow pistons from a single solid rod as a starting material.

15 Claims, 6 Drawing Sheets



